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12 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Cable Secretary

VIA : Chief, Executive Staff, O/DCI

SUBJECT : Cable Routing Indicator -- [ ]

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1. The DCI has established a USIB-wide working group which is charged with the responsibility of preparing a DCI response to certain questions on the situation in Vietnam raised by the Chairman of PFIAB. The DD/DCI has been designated as the focal point for the research effort.

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2. The cable and pouch routing indicator [ ] has been issued in order to expedite the movement of communications between headquarters and the field. Cables bearing the indicator [ ] should be disseminated as follows:

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Signal

[ ]  
Chief, CIA Operations Center

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JOHN V. LANTERMAN, COLONEL, USA, 033 938

GEORGE C. VINEY, COLONEL, USA, 038 516

J. BARRIE WILLIAMS, MAJOR, USA, 083 530

C/S DIA

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Dep DIA - 1615 - 14 Mar. UAH # 585  
Arr. SF - 1940 - 14 Mar.  
Dep SF - 2100 - 14 Mar - PanAm 841  
Arr. Honolulu - 0015 - 15 Mar -  
Dep Honolulu - 0130 - 15 Mar -  
Arr. Saigon (TSN) - 1005 - 16 Mar - PanAm 84

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DIA

1. I have sent two cables to our station in Saigon. One is a routine listing of the party, which also requests that the station meet and house. The other is a personal cable to the station chief as follows:

"Regret necessity for you to handle military party. They wish for obvious reasons to use facilities that this is a USIB exercise to minimize MACV'S control over their activities. They are probably right. They will notify MACV through their own channels of composition military party."

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Deputy Director of Current Intelligence  
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1. PARTY TO CONSIST OF

(IDEN A) GS-17,

DEP CHIEF

,

AND MR.

GS-14,

MILITARY PARTY

TO CONSIST OF MAJ. GEN. ROBERT R. GLASS C/S

COL. JOHN V.

LANTERMAN,

COL. GEORGE C. VINEY, J-3; MAJ. J. BARRIE WILLIAMS,

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2. MILITARY PARTY ARRIVES SAIGON 1005 16 MARCH

AND

ARRIVED 1245 16 MARCH VN-621.

~~PROCEEDINGS IN SAIGON SHOULD NOT BE FOR INFORMATION XXXXX~~

3. STATION REQUESTED TO MEET AND HOUSE ENTIRE PARTY, IF POSSIBLE  
IN STATION SAFE HOUSE NEAR EMBASSY. 6 7

4. REQUEST STATION PROVIDE SERVICES OF IDEN B OR IDEN C AS

ADDITIONAL MEMBER WOFIRM TEAM.

5. USE SLUG ON FUTURE TRAFFIC CONCERNING THIS PROJECT.

END MESSAGE

\*Joint CAS, State, Defense, NSA msg. concerning the establishment of a team to collect material relevant to an appraisal of the intelligence warning prior to the Tet Offensive.

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END MESSAGE

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REF: DIR 81986\*

1. REGRET NECESSITY TO IMPOSE MILITARY PARTY ON YOU. THEY WISH FOR OBVIOUS REASONS TO USE FACT. THIS IS AN <sup>3</sup> EXERCISE MANAGED BY [ ] TO MINIMIZE MACV'S CONTROL OVER THEIR ACTIVITIES. THEY ARE PROBABLY RIGHT.

2. THEY WILL NOTIFY MACV THROUGH THEIR OWN CHANNELS OF COMPOSITION MILITARY PARTY.

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~~END MESSAGE~~

3. [ ] HAS INSTRUCTED [ ] TO PAY COURTESY CALLS ON AMB AND COMUSMACV AT FIRST FEASIBLE OPPORTUNITY AFTER ARRIVAL.

END MESSAGE

\*Attached.

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1. [REDACTED] GS-17, DEP CHIEF [REDACTED] TRAVELLING TO

AND FROM SAIGON ON FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

14 MARCH (THURS), AR TOKYO, 1735, NW-3

15 MARCH (FRI), LV TOKYO, 1200, JAL-471

15 MARCH (FRI), AR HONG KONG, 1530

16 MARCH (SAT), LV HONG KONG 1030, VN-621

16 MARCH (SAT), AR SAIGON, 1245

23 MARCH (SAT), LV SAIGON, 1150, PAA-842

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23 MARCH (SAT), AR HONOLULU, 0650,

23 MARCH (SAT), LV HONOLULU, 2315, PAA-828

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2. [REDACTED] REQUESTED TO MEET.

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[REDACTED] WILL CONTACT [REDACTED] ONLY IN KKK EVENT HE IS  
 DELAYED OR DIVERTED

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3. USE SLUG [REDACTED] ON FUTURE TRAFFIC THIS SUBJECT [REDACTED]

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1. [ ] GS-14, [ ] TRAVELLING TO AND

FROM SAIGON ON FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

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15 MARCH (FRI), AR TOKYO, 1735, NW-3

15 MARCH (FRI), LV TOKYO, 1830, NW-7

15 MARCH (FRI) AR

16 MARCH (SAT), KY HONG KONG, 2200

16 MARCH (SAT), LV HONG KONG, 1030, VN-621

16 MARCH (SAT), AR SAIGON, 1245

26 MARCH (TUES), LV SAIGON, 1420, PA-814

26 MARCH (TUES), AR HONOLULU, 1015

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2. NO ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

WHERE RESERVATIONS MADE

AND ARRIVE SAIGON IN COMPANY

WILL CONTACT

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ONLY IN EVENT OF DELAY OR DIVERSION. AIRLINE MAKING  
HOTEL RESERVATIONS

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END MESSAGE

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CS Comment: \*Directs an appraisal of intelligence warning prior to the Tet offensive.

REF: DIR 81147 \*

1. REF. SUPERSEDES DIR 78298. RECOGNIZE THIS PLACES A HEAVY LOAD ON YOU, BUT WE WILL DO OUR BEST NOT TO MAKE IT WORSE.

2. I HAVE DESIGNATED [REDACTED] AS MY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE TEAM TO VISIT YOU. HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE SENSITIVITY OF THE QUESTIONS INVOLVED. PLEASE GIVE HIM YOUR UTMOST COOPERATION. HE IN TURN WILL KEEP THE PROCEEDINGS ON A LOW KEY AND WILL TRY NOT TO COMPLICATE YOUR RELATIONS WITH MACV.

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3. FURTHER DETAILS FOLLOW.

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END OF MESSAGE

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RICHARD HELMS

DIRECTOR, CIA

DCI

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1. TEXT OF REF PASSED AS DIRECTED TO J-2, IN ABSENCE  
CINCPAC WHO CURRENTLY CONUS.

2. ADVISED BY J-2 THAT CINCPAC AWARE PFIAB ACTION BASIS  
MSG FROM GENERAL SPIVY, JCS TO GEN. KERWIN INFO GEN. HUTCHIN,  
CHIEFS OF STAFF MACV AND CINCPAC RESPECTIVELY. MEK RECEIVED  
AND CINCPAC BRIEFED PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE 8 MARCH.

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